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DAREDEVIL



WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

NEW YORK IS UNDER SIEGE BY THE BEAST, THE DEMON OVERLORD OF THE HAND, AND HIS NINJA HORDE. THE INITIAL WAVE OF ATTACKS NOT ONLY TARGETED THE CITY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT ALSO ITS NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR, WILSON FISK, THE FORMER KINGPIN OF CRIME. WITH FISK IN CRITICAL CONDITION, DEPUTY MAYOR MATT MURDOCK (A.K.A. DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR) FOUND HIMSELF PROMOTED TO MAYOR OF NEW YORK.

WITH MORE RESPONSIBILITY ON HIS SHOULDERS THAN EVER BEFORE, MATT HAS LEANED ON DAREDEVIL'S ALLIES AND HIS NEW MAYORAL AUTHORITY TO RECRUIT VIGILANTES AND CRIME BOSSES ALIKE TO DEFEND THE CITY IN THE POLICE'S ABSENCE.

HOWEVER, WHEN THE BEAST UNLEASHED A MYSTERIOUS FOG THROUGH THE STREETS, MATT UNEXPECTEDLY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, LEAVING NEW YORK LEADERLESS AND COVERED IN A SICKENING CLOUD. FORTUNATELY, ONE MAN SEEMS TO HAVE A WAY TO DISPERSE THE GAS, AND HE JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE MAYOR'S PRIEST...

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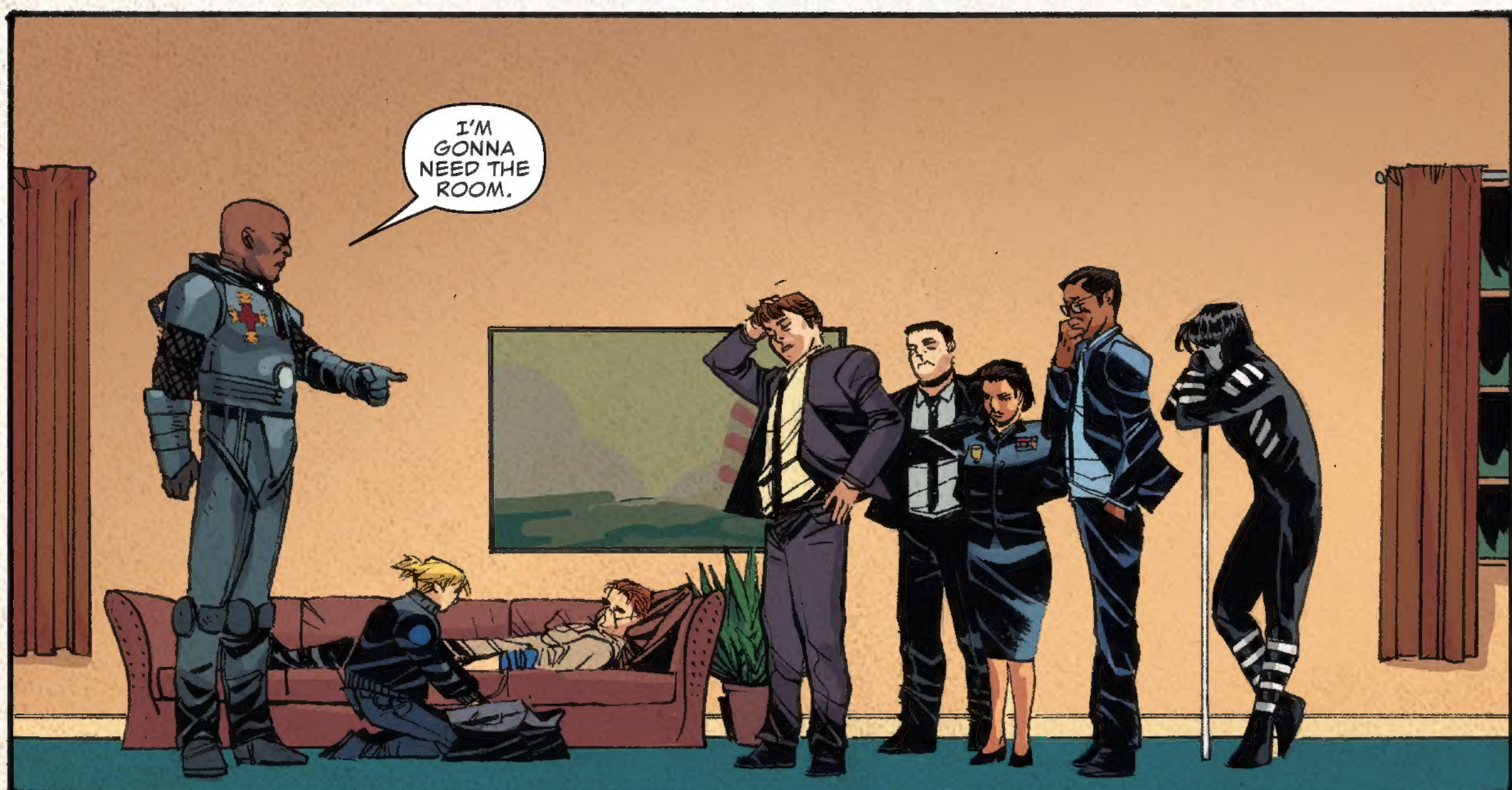
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I
NAME YOU
EVIL.



I CALL ON YOU, BEAST. I NAME
YOU AZAZEL, BEELZEBUB,
SHAITAN, LUCIFER AND ALL THAT
LEGION OF NAMES HUMANS
HAVE CALLED YOU.

AND I
CAST YOU
OUT!



NYAAGH!



F-FATHER
JORDAN? HOW
ARE YOU...

I'VE BEEN
FOLLOWING EVERYTHING
THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING
IN THE CITY, MATT. I KNEW
YOU'D NEED ME, AND
SO I CAME.



THE
CITY...IT'S UNDER
ASSAULT. IT'S GOING
TO FALL. THIS POISON
THE BEAST HAS PUT IN
THE AIR...I DON'T
HAVE ANY WAY
TO FIGHT IT.

I JUST
CAN'T SEE
A WAY TO
FIGHT.



AH,
MY SON...NEVER
FEAR. LET THE SCALES
FALL FROM YOUR
EYES...



"...AND LOOK
TO THE SKY."



"FOR YOUR
SALVATION IS
AT HAND."

IN
NOMINE
PATRIS, ET FILII
ET SPIRITUS
SANCTI.

AMEN.

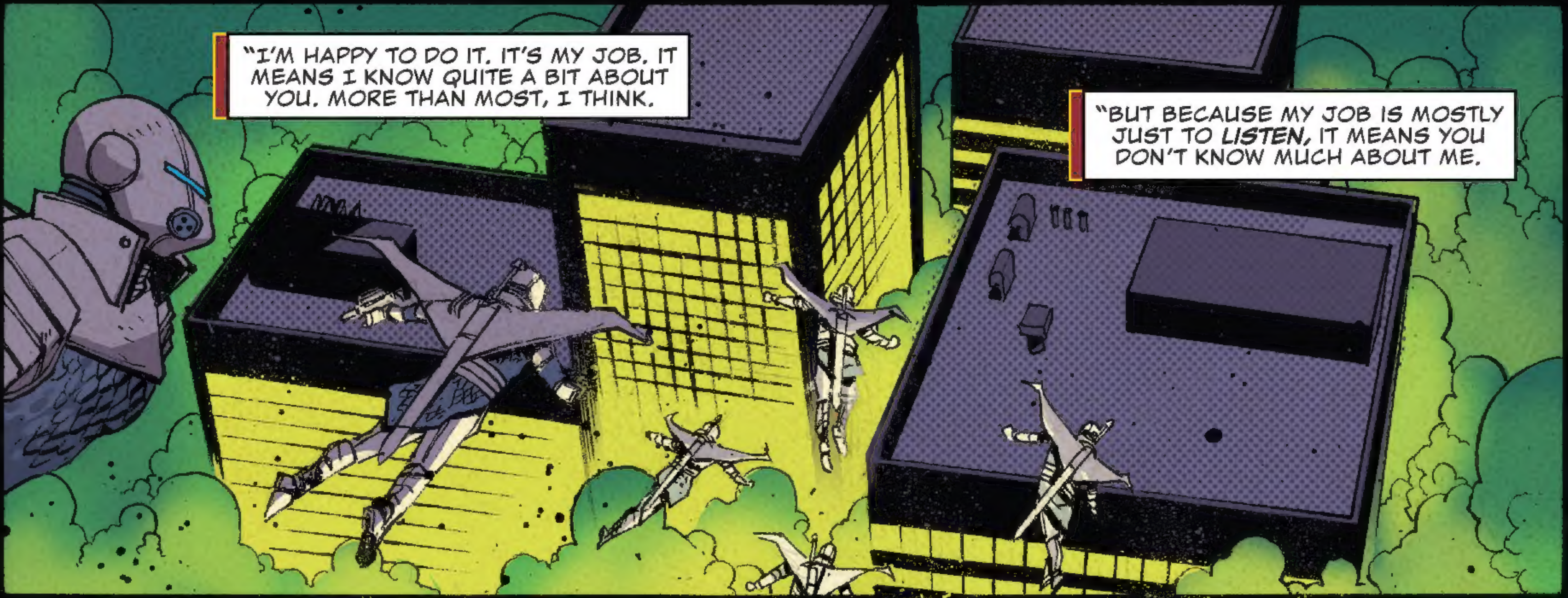


GO.
BRING THEM THE
LIGHT.



"YOU'VE BEEN COMING TO
ME FOR A WHILE NOW, MATT--
OFFERING CONFESSION."

"LETTING ME BEAR SOME OF
THE WEIGHT YOU CHOOSE TO
CARRY AS DAREDEVIL."



"I'M HAPPY TO DO IT. IT'S MY JOB. IT MEANS I KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT YOU. MORE THAN MOST, I THINK.

"BUT BECAUSE MY JOB IS MOSTLY JUST TO LISTEN, IT MEANS YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ME.

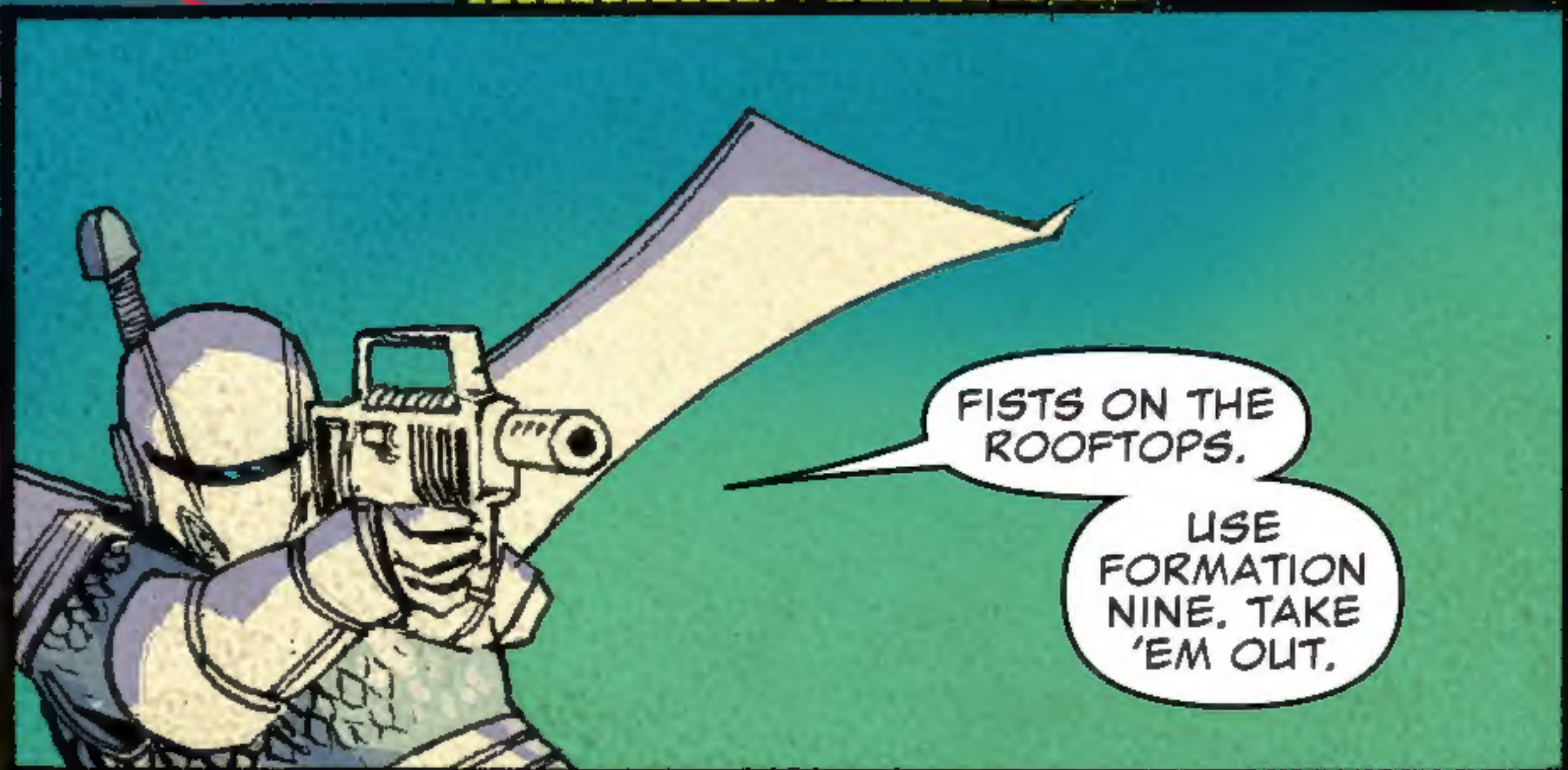
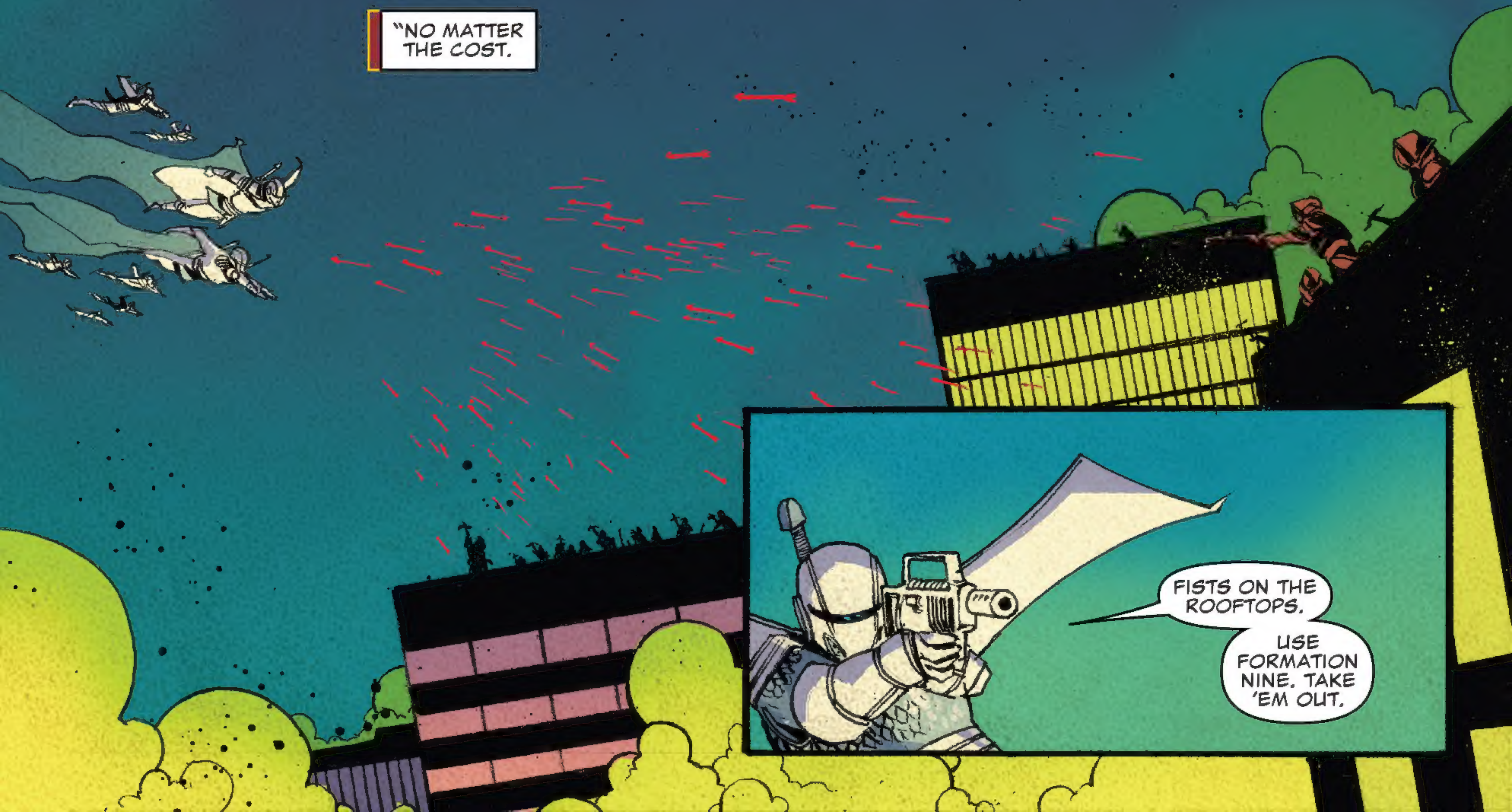


"I'M A CATHOLIC PRIEST, BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. I'M PART OF SOMETHING ELSE, MATT. I ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.



"WE ARE A GROUP...AN ORDER. WE FIGHT THE DARKNESS.

"NO MATTER THE COST.



FISTS ON THE ROOFTOPS.

USE FORMATION NINE. TAKE 'EM OUT.





"WHEN THE HAND CAME TO THE CITY,
I KNEW WHAT IT MEANT, AND I KNEW
YOU'D NEED HELP."



"I REACHED OUT TO MY
BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
AND NOW, AT LAST..."

OBJECTIVE
AHEAD--WE MADE IT
THROUGH.



"...THEY'RE
HERE."

SPREAD
OUT AND SET UP A
PERIMETER.

"YOU KNOW
WHO THEY ARE.
THEY'RE WHAT
I AM."



ORDO DRACONUM.
THE ORDER OF THE
DRAGON.

WAIT. YOU
MENTIONED THEM
ONCE BEFORE, WHEN
WE FIRST MET. I FIGURED
IT WAS JUST A CLUB YOU
SET UP WITH SOME
OF YOUR PRIEST
BUDDIES.*

*IN DAREDEVIL #16.



LIKE,
MAYBE
YOUR NAME
FOR POKER
NIGHT.

NO,
MATT.

"WE'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG, LONG TIME."

"ORDO DRACONUM WAS FOUNDED IN 1408 BY KING SIGISMUND VON LUXEMBOURG OF HUNGARY."

"IT WAS ORIGINALLY A MILITANT ORDER OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS, USED TO PROTECT THE KING'S TERRITORY FROM INCURSIONS BY FOREIGN EMPIRES."

"BUT AFTER ABOUT A CENTURY, IT WENT UNDERGROUND, CHANGING ITS FOCUS TO...ENEMIES LESS ORDINARY."

"WE STOPPED FIGHTING FOR THE KING..."

"...AND BEGAN FIGHTING FOR HUMANITY."

"THE 16TH CENTURY WAS MOSTLY ABOUT THE VAMPIRE WARS."

"17TH--THE PLAGUE ZOMBIES."

"IN THE 18TH CENTURY, WE ALMOST LOST EVERYTHING BRINGING DOWN THE FJORD QUEENS--BUT OUR FIRE WON OUT IN THE END."

"19TH CENTURY--THE VAMPIRES CAME BACK."

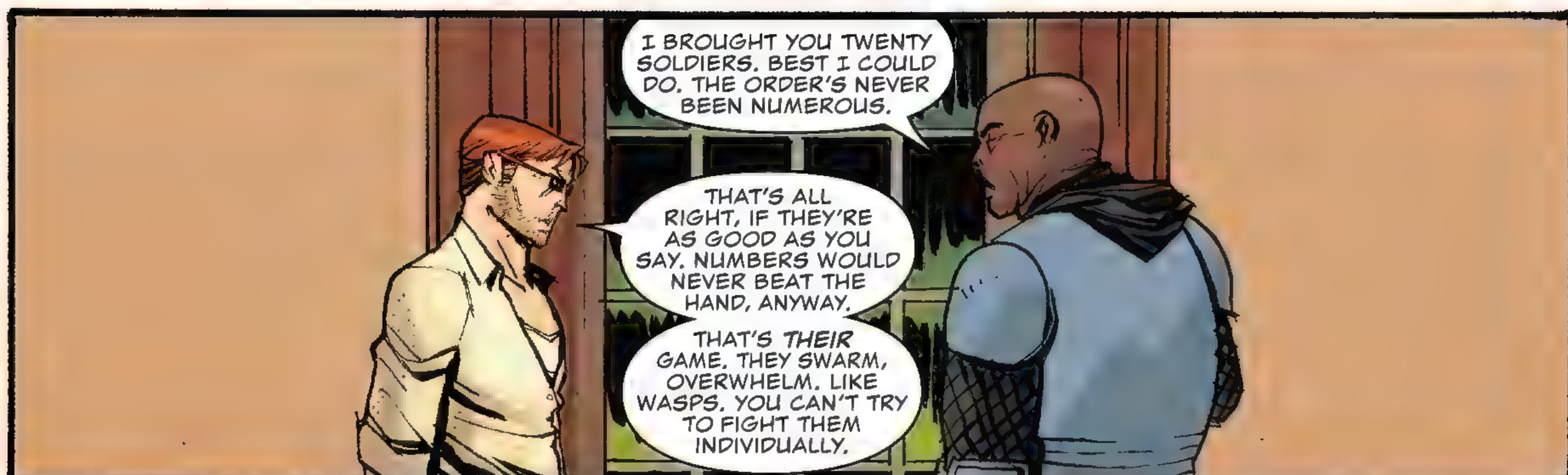
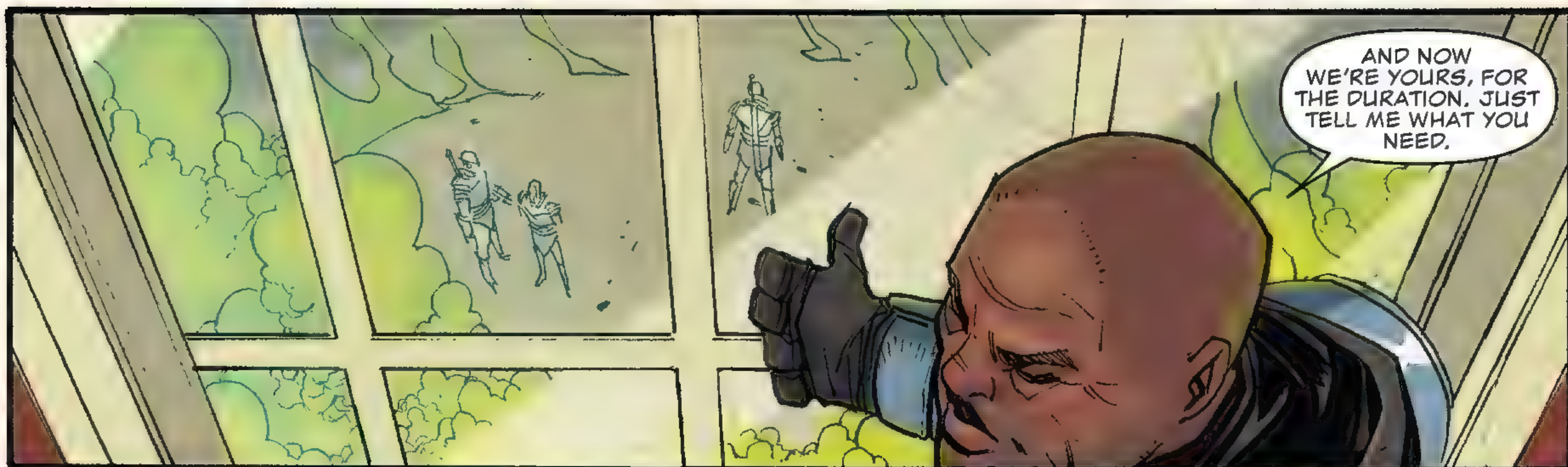
"20TH--THAT WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE. LOTS OF WARS, LOTS OF NEW THREATS, CULTURES AND MYTHOLOGIES MIXING."

"BUT WE DID OUR PART."

TODAY WE GO WHEREVER WE'RE NEEDED, WARRIOR-PRIESTS, WITH TRAINING AND GEAR FOR ANYTHING THE NIGHT THROWS AT US.

WE USE OUR FAITH, SKILL AND WILL. WE BRING THAT CLEANSING FIRE.

WE BURN THAT EVIL DOWN.



"YOU HAVE TO
ATTACK THE HIVE."

WERE YOU
ABLE TO RUN
THE ANALYSIS
I REQUESTED,
COMMISSIONER
KARNIK?

YES, MR.
MAYOR. WE'VE COLLATED
DATA ABOUT THE WAY THIS
POISON FOG APPEARED ON
THE STREET--EYEWITNESS
REPORTS, CCTV.

IT DIDN'T
HAPPEN ALL AT
ONCE. IT STARTED IN
MIDTOWN, AND THEN
IT SPREAD. THAT
LET US RUN A
REGRESSION.

FROM WHAT
WE CAN TELL,
IT BEGAN RIGHT
HERE.

40 WEST
40TH. THE
OLD AMERICAN
RADIATOR
BUILDING.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL
PASS THAT ALONG
TO DAREDEVIL. IF
ALL GOES WELL,
HE'LL END
THIS WHOLE
THING.

OR MAYBE DAREDEVIL
WILL LITERALLY END
UP IN THE BELLY OF
THE BEAST.

YOU SURE
YOU WANT TO
SEND YOUR GOOD
FRIEND DAREDEVIL
ON A SUICIDE
MISSION?

BLINDSPOT, I'M
GOING TO ASK YOU
TO STAY HERE.

I'M STILL
NOT A HUNDRED
PERCENT. I NEED YOU
WATCHING MY BACK WHILE
I REST. JUST IN CASE THE
HAND ATTACKS WHILE
DAREDEVIL'S
GONE.

UH...SURE,
MR. MURDOCK.
YOU GOT IT.

INSANITY.
UTTER
INSANITY.

FATHER
JORDAN. YOUR
PEOPLE--IS THERE
ANY CHANCE THEY
CAN FLY?

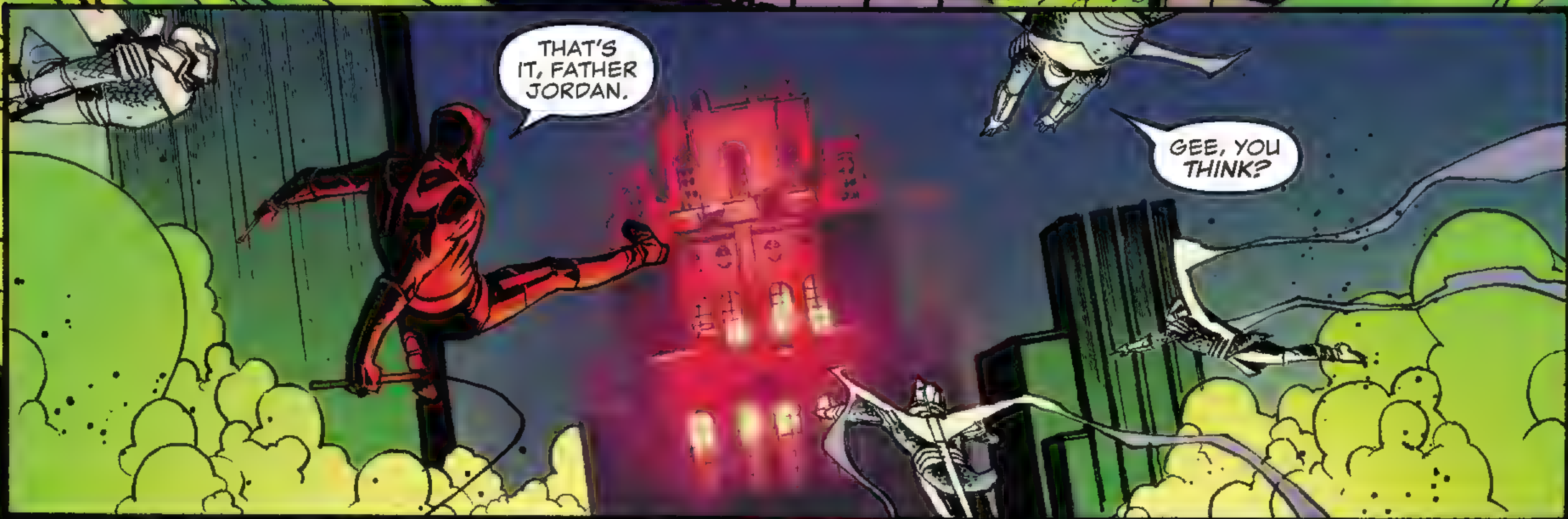
MATT, WE'RE
DRAGONS.

"OF COURSE
WE CAN FLY."



THAT'S
IT, FATHER
JORDAN.

GEE, YOU
THINK?



BROTHERS,
SISTERS, MAKE
YOUR PEACE.

THEY'RE
WAITING FOR
US. BUT IF THIS IS
OUR DAY TO DIE, WE WILL
END OUR LIVES THE WAY WE
LIVED THEM. WE WILL
STARE DOWN THE
DARKNESS...





"...AND SHOW IT
THE LIGHT."



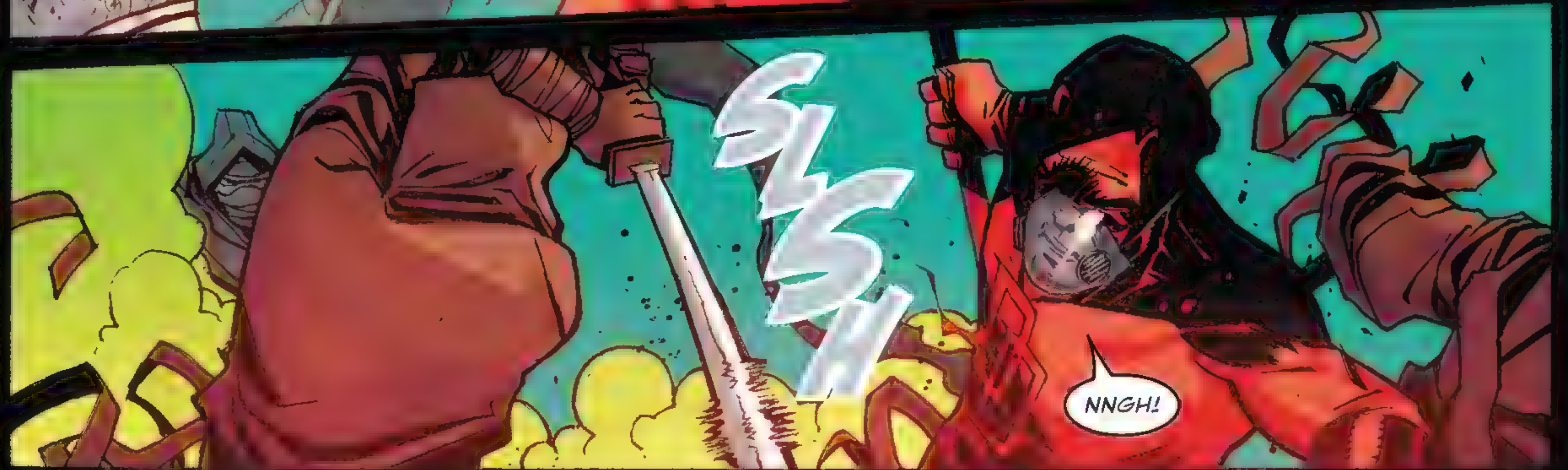
This is...hard
to believe.

Heading into battle
with an army of
warrior-priests,
flying across New
York City to battle
evil itself.

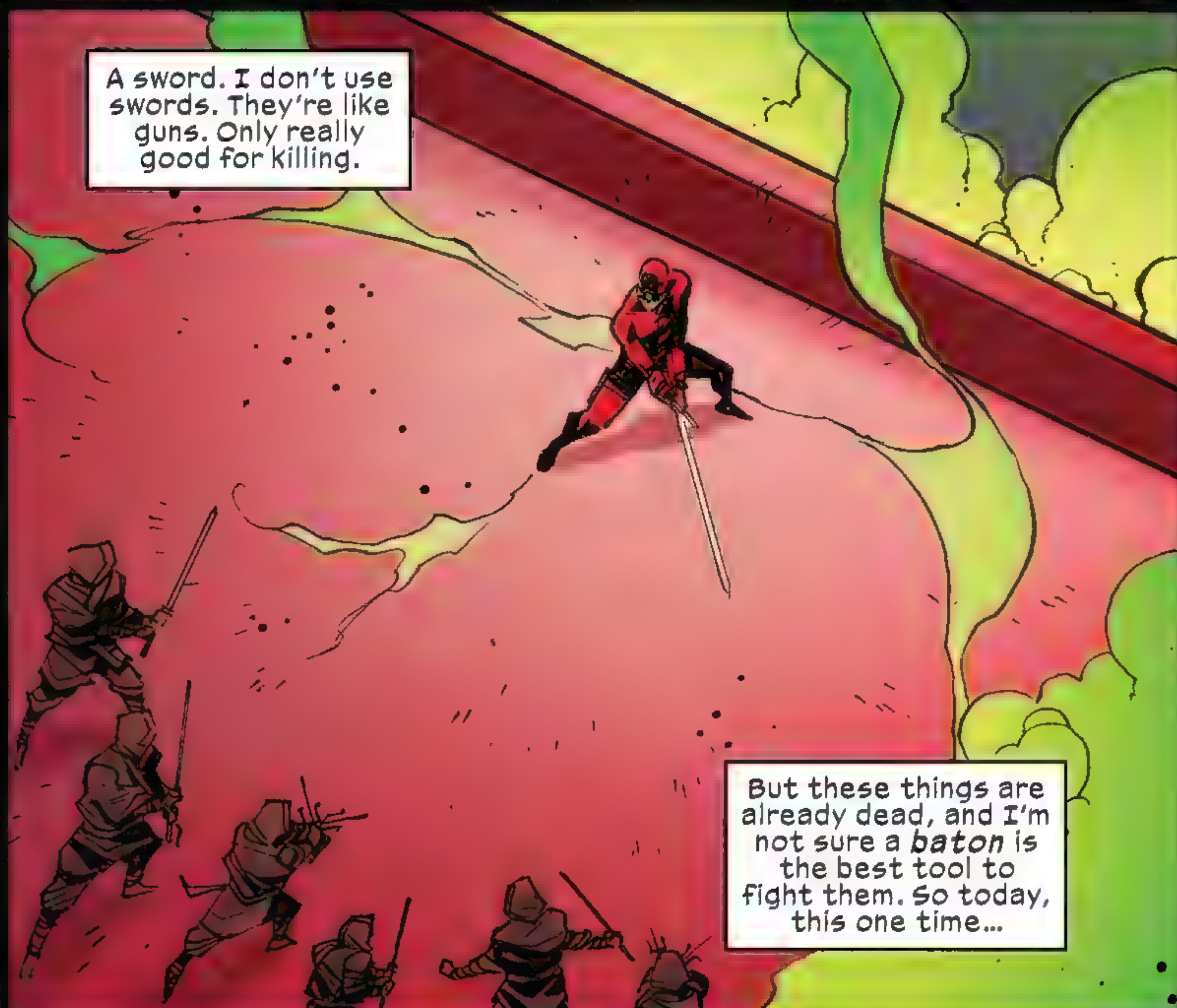
But you use
the weapons
you have.

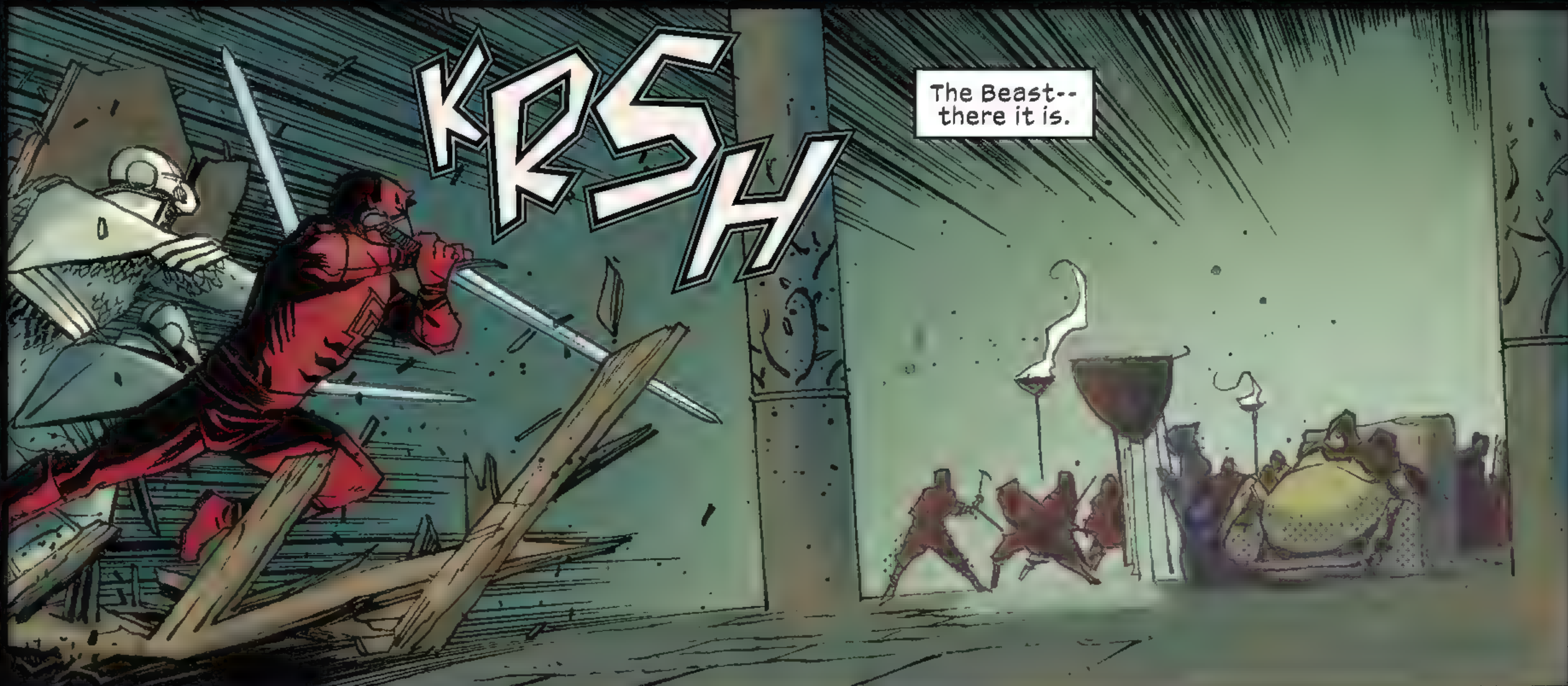


And these men and
women are *weapons*.

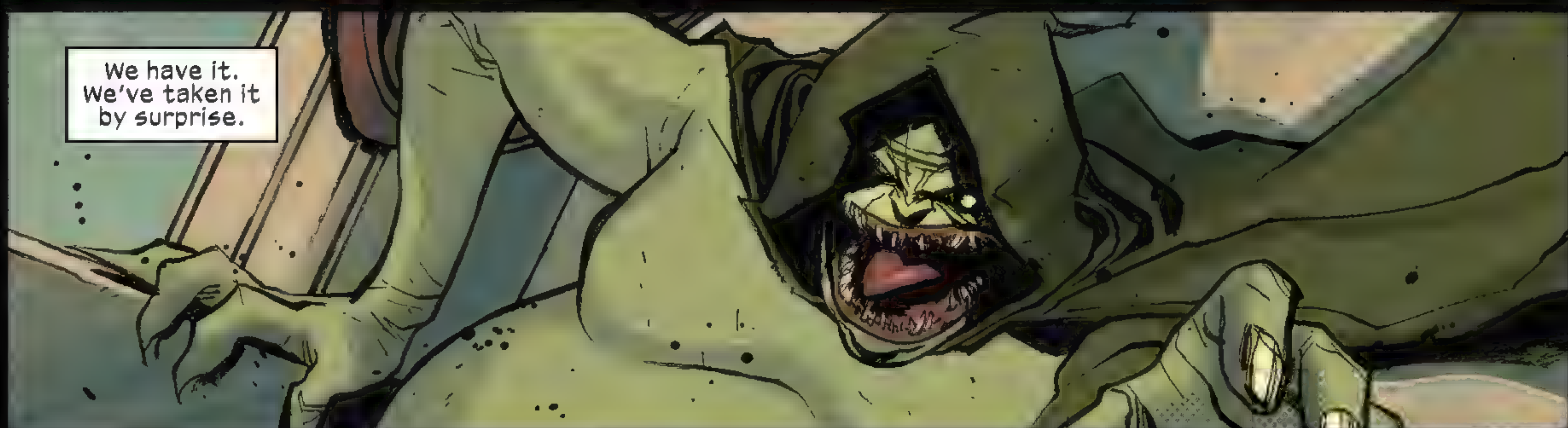


NNGH!





The Beast--
there it is.



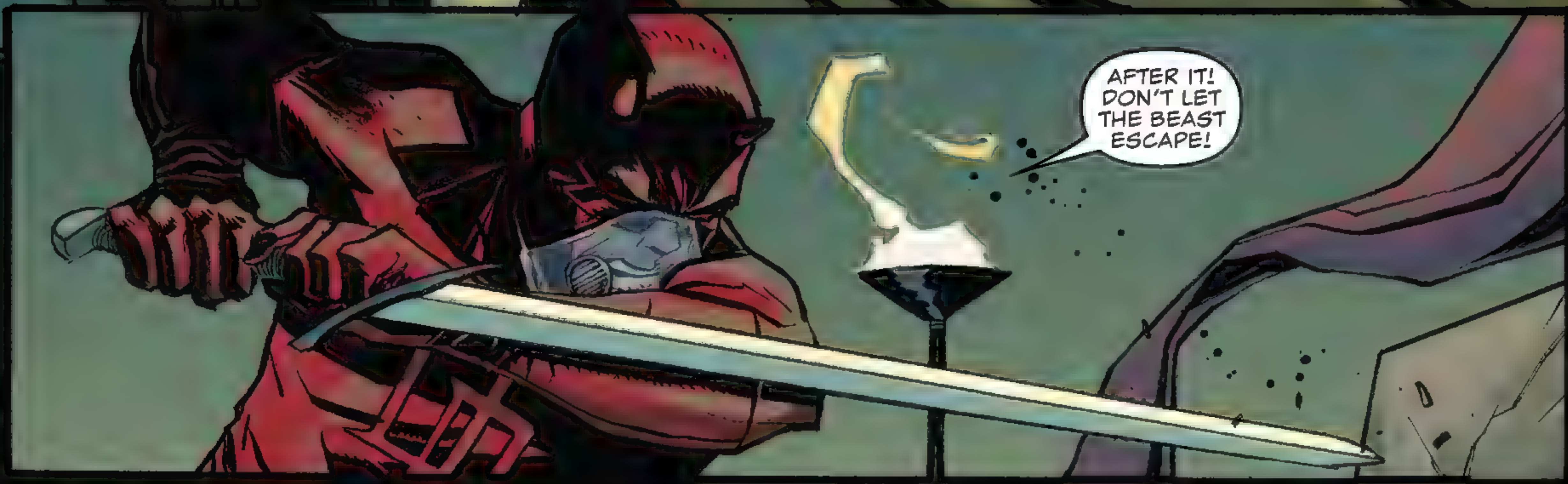
We have it.
We've taken it
by surprise.

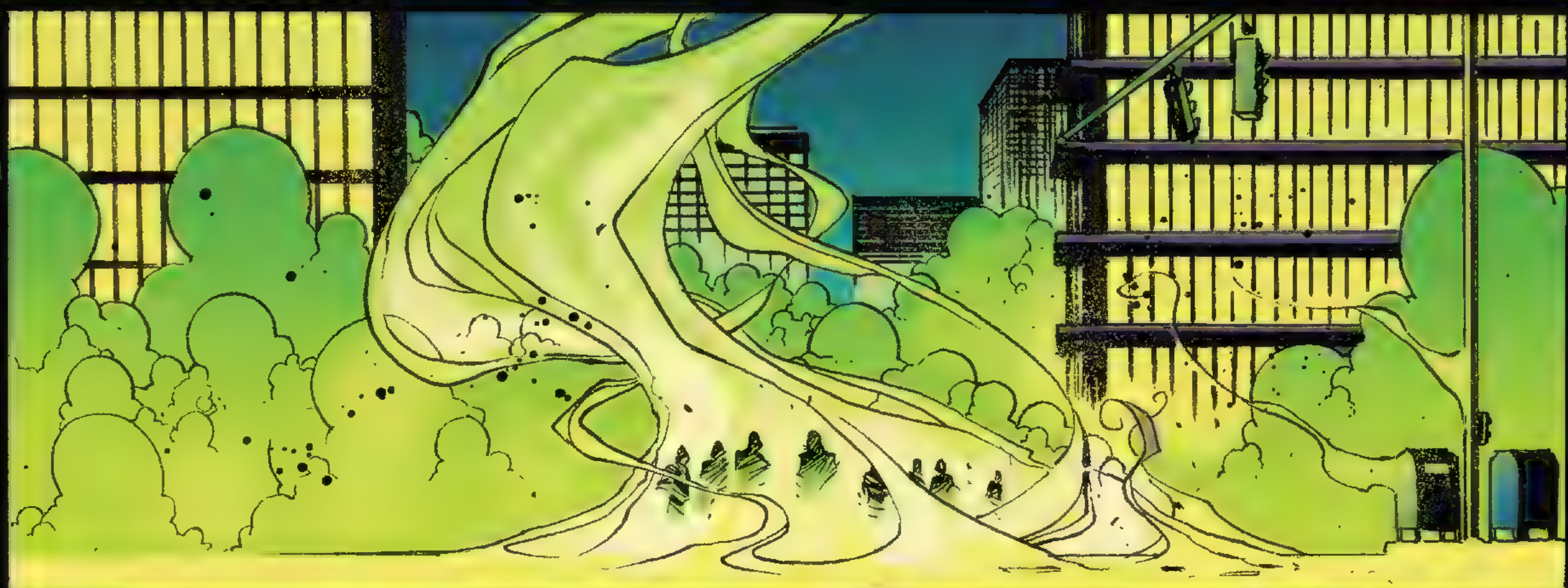
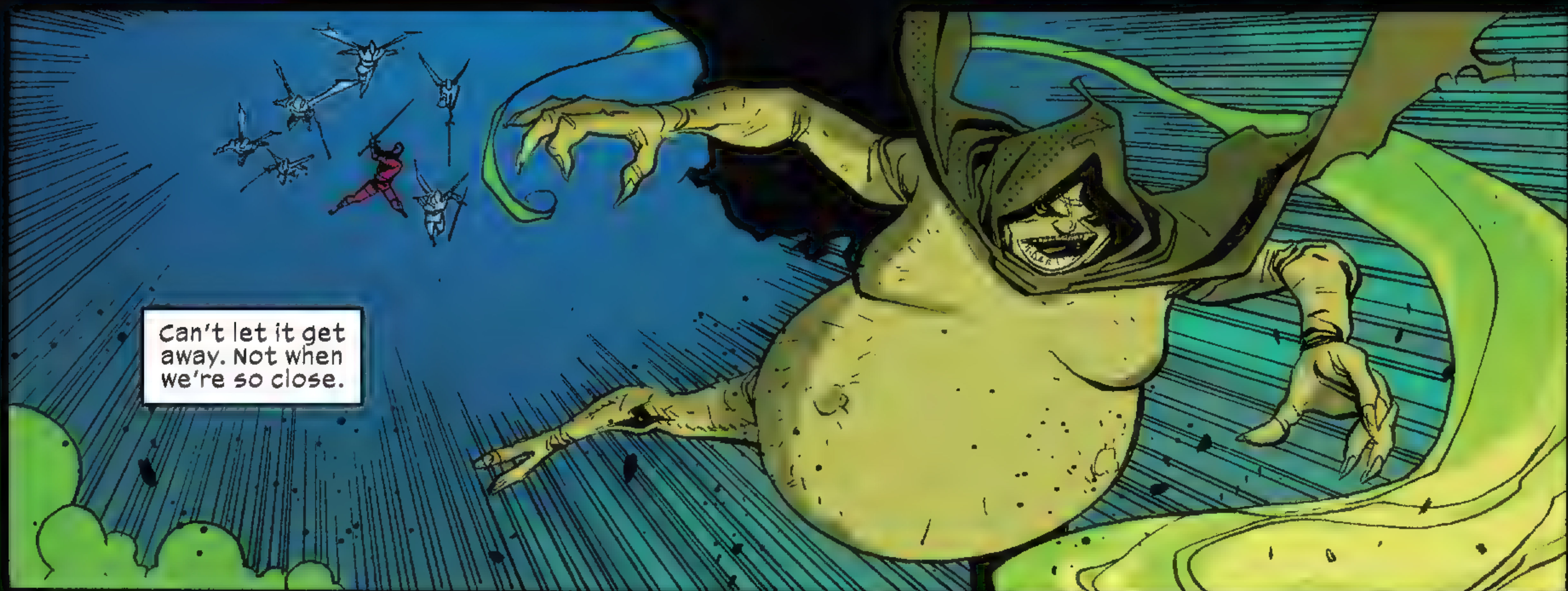


This is all
about to end.



I'll stab that evil
thing right through
its dark, poisoned--







I was right.

This is all about to end.



LOOK OUT!
IT WAS A TRICK!
LOOK OUT--

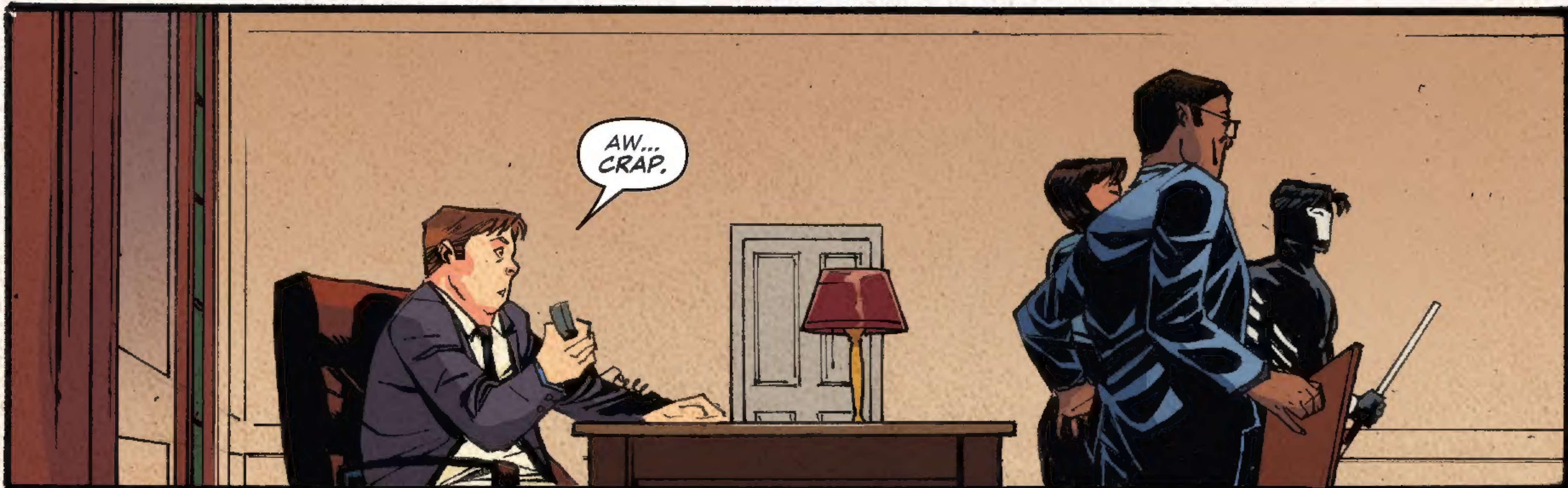
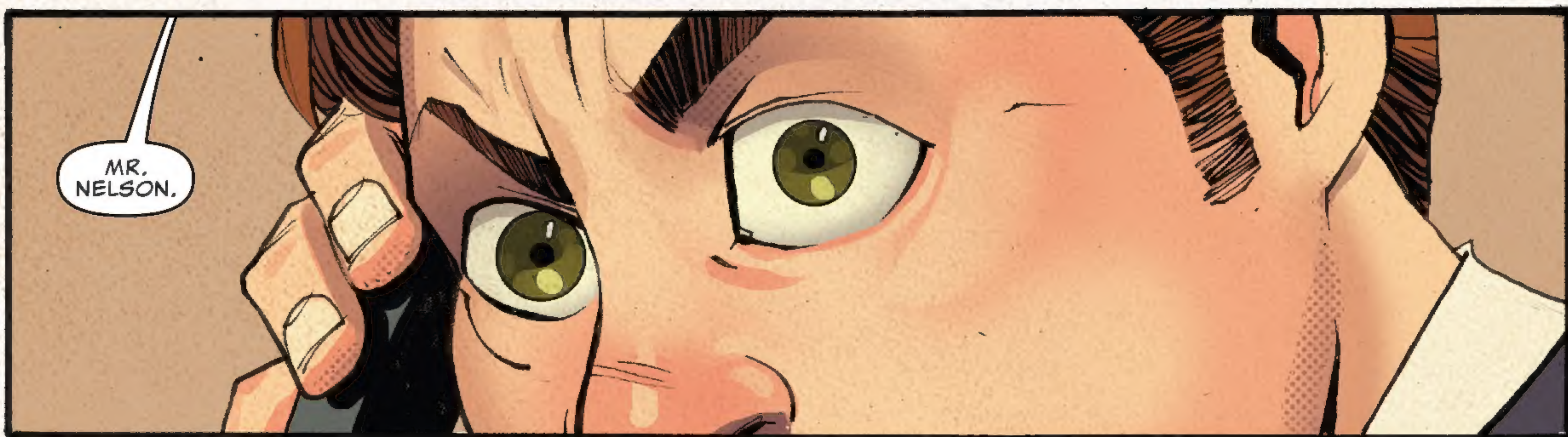
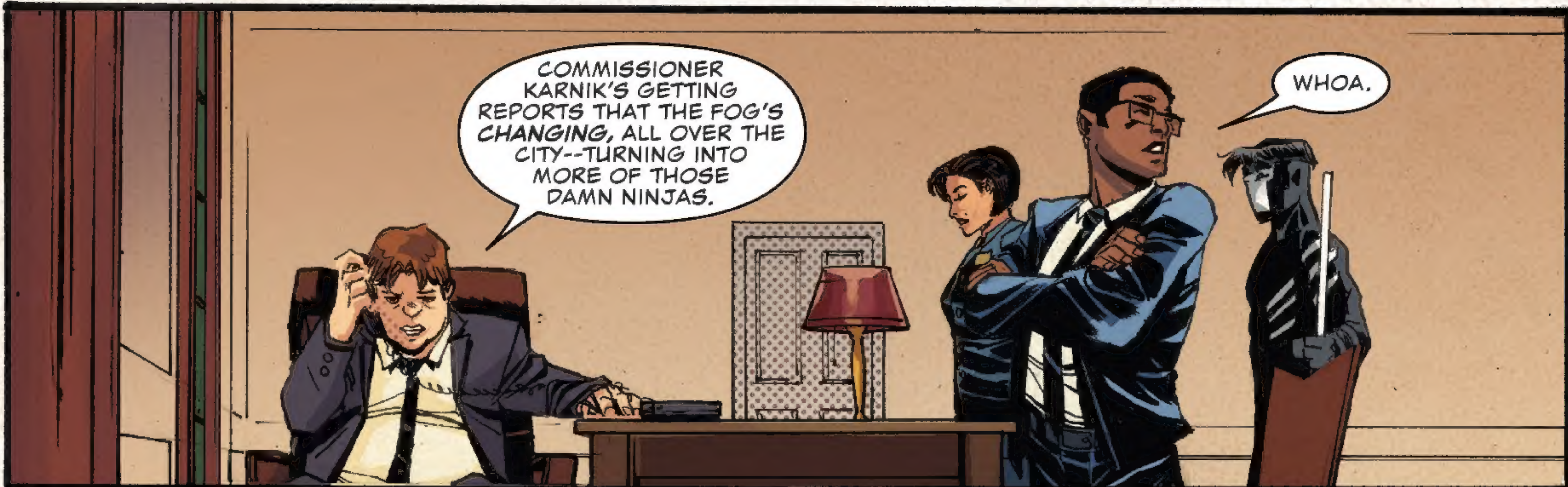


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GET
OUT OF MY
SEAT.

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